

Resolution No.:	<u>15-894</u>
Introduced:	<u>July 27, 2004</u>
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**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

At the Request of the County Executive

SUBJECT: Comprehensive Amendment to the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan for Montgomery County

Background

1. State law (Sections 9-503 and 9-515, Environment Article, of the Maryland Code) requires the governing body of each County to adopt and submit to the Maryland Department of the Environment a ten-year plan dealing with solid waste disposal systems, solid waste acceptance facilities, and the systematic collection and disposal of solid waste.
2. The Environment Article further requires each County to review its solid waste management plan at least every three years.
3. The County Council adopted the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan ("Plan") for the Years 1998 through 2007 for Montgomery County, Maryland, by Resolution 13-1418 on October 6, 1998.
4. On July 29, 2003, the County Executive transmitted to the County Council a comprehensive amendment to the Plan which sets forth the goals, policies, and plans for the management of solid waste in the County from 2002 through 2011.
5. A public hearing on the original proposed comprehensive plan amendment was held on October 28, 2003.
6. On June 16, 2004, the County Executive transmitted to the County Council a revised and updated comprehensive amendment to the Plan covering which sets forth the goals, policies, and plans for the management of solid waste in the County from 2004 through 2013.
7. A public hearing on the revised proposed comprehensive plan amendment was continued on October 5, 2004. The public hearing was held on October 12, 2004.


Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following resolution:

1. The Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan for the Years 2004 through 2013 is approved as attached.
2. The Director of Public Works and Transportation must report to the Council on the following solid waste issues by the reporting deadlines listed below.

Item	Deadline for Submission to Council
Implementation plan to increase the cost efficiency and effectiveness of recycling collection from commercial and multi-family generators	June 15, 2005
Report on the findings of the waste composition study	June 15, 2005
Report on current recycling rates for specific materials; and assessment of the highest attainable recycling rate for specific materials	September 1, 2005
Report on the feasibility of mandatory recycling of electronic waste products including an assessment of State and regional efforts to promote e-waste recycling	September 1, 2005
Review of the efficacy and effect on ratepayers of using tip fee pricing to control demand on County waste disposal facilities; assessment of solid waste facility capacity utilization and suggestion of what future tonnage levels might trigger restrictions on facility waste acceptance policies	March 15, 2006
Report on the effect of the modifications in the subdistrict transfer policy including but not limited to truck traffic in neighborhoods and the cost effectiveness of refuse collection service in the two subdistricts.	June 1, 2006
Report on implementation of the ban on disposal of recyclables	June 1, 2006
Recommendations on possible modifications to single family residential refuse collection policy (retention or modification of two subdistricts)	June 1, 2006
Update on legislative initiatives in other states and regions to reduce packaging and other ways to reduce waste generation; report on the viability of new waste reduction initiatives	September 1, 2006
Variable rate feasibility study	September 1, 2006
Reassessment of cost and liability issues relating to out-of-County landfilling of processible waste	January 2, 2007

This is a correct copy of Council action.



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